

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 11 and 12. The amendments introduce no new matter. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks, in addition to those previously submitted in Applicant's October 11, 2007 Request for Reconsideration, are respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowability regarding claims 3-6, 8, 9, 13-16, 18 and 19. The remaining claims are also allowable, for at least the following reasons.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 7, 10-12, 17 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0050063 to Nikki. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Without conceding the interpretation, or application, of the applied reference, claims 1, 2, 11 and 12 are amended to clarify relevant features. For example, claim 1 recites, among other features, an electric motor fan for blowing wind with respect to said circulating path is driven during the abnormal state detecting. The applied reference does not teach such features.

This argument was discussed during the October 25, 2007 personal interview with the Examiner. The Examiner agreed that Nikki does not appear to teach such features and suggested amending the claims to clarify driving the electric motor fan during the abnormal state detecting. Applicant appreciates this suggestion by the Examiner.

For at least the above reasons, and those previously submitted in Applicants' October 11, 2007 Request for Reconsideration, the applied reference does not teach the combinations of features positively recited in independent claims 1, 2, 11 and 12. Additionally, claims 7, 10, 17 and 20 are also not taught by the applied reference for at least the respective dependence of these claims, directly or indirectly, on an allowable base claims, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recites.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 7, 10-12, 17 and 20 are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 2, 7, 10-12, 17 and 20, in addition to the indication of allowability regarding claims 3-6, 8, 9, 13-16, 18 and 19, are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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